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Benton, NH Annual Report

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Annual Report of Town Officers and Benton School District

Town of Benton, New Hampshire

Annual Town Meeting

12 March 2013

Benton Town Hall, 7.00 P.M.

Welcome, fellow citizens to the annual town meeting. There have been some changes to the Town Hall building – for the better, we think – as well as upgrades to our communications network.

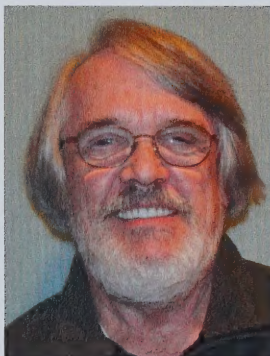
Please enjoy the meeting and raise your questions or concerns to the townsfolk as well as the Selectmen.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with town projects and to serve in administrative posts in the town government. If you are interested in a position, please talk to the Selectmen.

If anyone needs assistance with town issues, forms, permits, etc., please stop by the Town Hall building any Monday at 6.30 P.M., send an email to the Selectmen at: bentonselectmen@gmail.com, or call any of the Selectmen.

Take Care!

Your Select Board



John Hassell
603-787-2317



Elena Chevalier
603-787-6188



Jeremy "Bucky" Elliott
603-348-3512

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Year Ending December 31 2012

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Beautify Benton Committee Yearly Report

We have been more active this last year as we were asked if we would clean the hall once a month. So we volunteered to clean and make it a fun project to help out on expenses. The next project we met and discussed plans for a sign that would tell people driving through on 116 that they had been through a little town. Now we have a beautiful sign "Welcome to Benton" made by Aaron Goodwin and, by having the sign, it makes one feel more we are an official town. Also we decided to have a Bake Sale on Nov. 6th election day which was a great success.

Our last project is to have flowers in the island between Bradley Hill Road and 116 near Howe Hill Road. The beds have been made, filled with dirt and bulbs have been planted. Aaron Goodwin, Fran and Margurite Christopher are the ones who started this nice project. It is not all done and anyone who has ideas, flowers, plants or volunteer to help would be appreciated. Donations of any small plants, flowers and money would be greatly accepted.

I would like to express sincere thanks to all who have helped in anyway in these projects this past year. Without your help, we would not have had a great successful year.

THANK YOU ALL!!

Maxine Tyler,

Treasurer



Benton Town Officers

		Term	Expires
Board of Selectmen	John Hassell	3 yrs.	2013
	Jeremy Elliott	3 yrs.	2014
	Elena Chevalier	3 yrs.	2015
Moderator	Gilbert Richardson	2 yrs.	2013
Treasurer	Joyce Hassell	1 yr.	2013
Auditor	Robert Steel	1 yr.	2013
Tax Collector	Michael Stiebitz	1 yr.	2013
Supervisors of the Checklist	Arthur Christopher	3 yrs.	2013
	Stephanie Saffo	3 yrs.	2015
	Katherine Plachetzki	3 yrs.	2014
Ballot Clerk	Aaron Goodwin	1 yr.	2013
Ballot Inspector	Maxine Tyler	1 yr.	2013
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1 yr.	2013
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Laura Richardson	3 yrs.	2014
	Mark Elliott	3 yrs.	2015
	Martin Noble	3 yrs.	2013
Planning Board	Kenneth Kealey	5 yrs.	2016
	Richard Saffo, Sr.	5 yrs.	2017
	Martin Noble	5 yrs.	2014
	Wayne Chevalier	5 yrs.	2015
Sexton	Aaron Goodwin	1 yr.	2013
Police Officer/Director of Emergency Management	Vacant		

Selectmen's Comments

The past year brought some changes to Benton, especially the Town Hall building and the means by which we communicate with each other. Here's a brief summary.

1. A parcel of land behind the town hall building was donated to the Town by Ken Bullard and Sam Boutin. Joe Boutin and his team cleared and stumped the area. The area could be used for a small building to contain the sand and gravel that is now piled in front of the Town Hall.
2. We installed Wild Blue Excede high-speed internet service to allow use of Avitar software for tax collection and assessment. The new service permits the Tax Collector, Selectmen and the Assessor to access the Town Hall's computer from a remote location.
3. We installed a new furnace and on-demand water heater, both of which use propane. The old oil furnace and electric water heater were removed. Now, the generator, furnace and water heater all use propane.
4. We finished transferring data from the old assessment database (BrightSide) into Avitar. The majority of the work was done by our assessor, Steve Allen.
5. We set up a wireless network in the town hall that can be used as a hot spot for town residents, however, our internet service plan only allows for limited download. More on this later.
6. We changed the entry to the town hall building. The exterior door is now open 24/7. The interior door has a new deadbolt and can be accessed only by authorized townsfolk.
7. We created the Forms Wall. The wall – to your left as you enter the mud room – has all of the forms most people need to do business with the town, county or state, as well as basic permits.
8. We added mail boxes in the mud room for those town officials with whom most of the townsfolk interface. If you have something for the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessor, Surveyor of Wood and Timber, Road Agent, etc., just drop a note in the appropriate mail box.

9. We created a web site for the Town of Benton, The address is: www.bentonnh.org. From this site you can access information about various town activities and you can download forms that you may need for virtually any activity or permit. We have also set up a bulletin board on the site that is read-only. If you want to post something on the Bulletin Board, send an email to the Selectmen at bentonselectmen@gmail.com. The message will be posted to the board.
10. As you read in Maxine Tyler's report, we now have a new Welcome to Benton sign as well as new flower beds in the triangle, thanks to the Beautify Benton Committee.
11. Many thanks as well to the Beautify Benton Committee for their volunteer work to clean the town hall each month.
12. The water pump failed and had to be repaired. It's working properly now, but we were unable to bury the power cable before the ground froze. We'll do that, as well as install a cover over the well in the spring.
13. We plan to cancel our satellite internet service and change to Fair Point DSL. The DSL line will eliminate satellite latency (delay) and will also eliminate any download limits. You can use the Town Hall as an internet hot spot. Ask John Hassell for more information. The monthly DSL price is about the same as the satellite service, but without limits and outages caused by weather.

The Selectmen can now be reached by email. The address is: bentonselectmen@gmail.com.

If you have business to be brought before the Select Board, please stop by the weekly meeting. The Selectmen meet every Monday – with the exception of holidays - at 6.30 PM at the Benton Town Hall. The meeting is informal and does not follow a prepared agenda.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

March 12, 2013

Town of Benton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the 12th, at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose persons for the following positions and terms of service.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Selectman	3 years	2016

Having served for 15 years, Selectman Jeremy Elliott would like to resign his position. His term expires in 2014. We encourage someone to step forward and accept this position.

Moderator	1 year	2014
Treasurer	1 year	2014
Auditor	1 year	2014
Town Clerk	1 year	2014
Tax Collector	1 year	2014
Ballot Clerk	1 year	2014
Ballot Inspector	1 year	2014
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years	2016
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	1 year	2014
Sexton	1 year	2014

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,450 for general Municipal Operations.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unassigned Fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$10,000 to replace the siding of the Town Hall building with equivalent-style shingles and repair any unseen damage; said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund balance. The Selectmen recommend this article.

A True Copy – Attest
Selectmen of Benton

John Hassell John Hassell

Elena Chevalier Elena Chevalier

Jeremy Elliott Jeremy Elliott

Budget & Summary Analysis – Revenues

Source	Estimated 2012	Received 2012	Estimated 2013
Property Taxes	\$330,000.00	\$333,513.97	\$330,000.00
Timber Taxes ¹	\$4,000.00	\$13,486.49	\$5,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$3,000.00	\$3,858.97	\$1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$45,000.00	\$43,839.00	\$44,000.00
Vital Records Searches	\$0.00	\$44.00	\$0.00
Bounced check fees	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Building Permits	\$300.00	\$220.00	\$330.00
Pistol Permits	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$100.00
Dog Licenses	\$600.00	\$316.50	\$400.00
Rental of Town Hall	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
Energy Grant(s)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shared Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$14,000.00	\$16,371.78	\$16,500.00
Highway Block Grant	\$12,000.00	\$12,865.00	\$12,900.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$33,000.00	\$58,448.00	\$59,000.00
Interest on Investment	\$300.00	\$169.94	\$190.00
From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$442,600.00	\$483,278.65	\$469,520.00

Note 1: Timber taxes may increase significantly, if the Forest Service implements their plan for cutting in the White Mountain National Forest.

Budget & Summary Analysis – Expenditures

Charge Point	2012 Appropriated	2012 Expended	2013 Proposed
Executive - Staff Salaries ¹	\$6,500	\$4,538.20	\$10,000
Election Expenses	\$2,200	\$1,698.75	\$0
Financial Administration ²	\$8,800	\$5,909.10	\$6,500
Revaluation of Property ³	\$6,000	\$5,876.00	\$15,000
Legal Expenses	\$2,000	\$152.35	\$2,000
Personnel Admin.	\$1,200	\$1,090.60	\$1,200
Planning & Zoning	\$200	\$0.00	\$200
Gov't Buildings	\$5,000	\$2,897.51	\$5,000
Cemeteries	\$1,500	\$1,132.20	\$500
Insurance	\$2,500	\$1,186.80	\$2,000
Ads & Regional Assoc.	\$2,000	\$2,987.34	\$2,500
Avitar SW ⁴	\$16,200	\$5,163.92	\$4,500
Police ⁵	\$5,600	\$0.00	\$2,500
Ambulance ⁶	\$3,500	\$0	\$7,000
Fire	\$10,000	\$2,750.00	\$7,500
Other Public Safety	\$2,300	\$1,513.00	\$2,000
Highways & Streets	\$67,500	\$67,400.93	\$67,500
Street Lighting	\$250	\$223.56	\$250
Other - Streets	\$2,750	\$0.00	\$2,000
Pest Control	\$1,500	\$227.77	\$1,000
Admin. & Dir. Assist.	\$1,500	\$700.00	\$1,000
Direct Assistance	\$0	\$0.00	\$500
Inter government welfare payments	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
Vendor Payments & Other	\$0	\$800.00	\$800
Interest on Tax Note	\$500	\$0.00	\$500
TOTAL	\$149,500	\$106,248.03	\$141,450.00

Notes:

1. All town salaries will now be paid from this account.
2. Financial administration budget was lowered to \$6,500, based on past costs and anticipated expenditures.
3. Reevaluation of property was increased to cover additional assessor costs associated with the once-every-five-years DRA audit for Benton.
4. The cost of the Avitar software was supposed to be paid in full for the basic software and three years of support. Due to a Selectman's mistake, however, it will be paid in three annual installments. This will not increase the total cost of the software, as approved by Warrant Article

5. The budget for Police was reduced due to past costs and anticipated expenditures.
6. Ambulance budget was increased due to increased costs from the suppliers.

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

Charge Point	2012 Appropriated	2012 Expended	2012 Unexpended	2012 Overdraft
Executive - Staff Salaries	\$6,500	\$4,538.20	\$1,962	\$0.00
Election Expenses	\$2,200	\$1,698.75	\$501	\$0.00
Financial Administration	\$8,800	\$5,909.10	\$2,891	\$0.00
Revaluation of Property	\$6,000	\$5,876.00	\$124	\$0.00
Legal Expenses	\$2,000	\$152.35	\$1,848	\$0.00
Personnel Admin.	\$1,200	\$1,090.60	\$109	\$0.00
Planning & Zoning	\$200	\$0.00	\$200	\$0.00
Gov't Buildings	\$5,000	\$2,897.51	\$2,102	\$0.00
Cemeteries	\$1,500	\$1,132.20	\$368	\$0.00
Insurance	\$2,500	\$1,186.80	\$1,313	\$0.00
Ads & Regional Assoc.	\$2,000	\$2,987.34	(\$987)	-\$987.34
Avitar SW	\$16,200	\$5,163.92	\$11,036	\$0.00
Police	\$5,600	\$0.00	\$5,600	\$0.00
Ambulance	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0.00
Fire	\$10,000	\$2,750.00	\$7,250	\$0.00
Other Public Safety	\$2,300	\$1,513.00	\$787	\$0.00
Highways & Streets	\$67,500	\$67,400.93	\$99	\$0.00
Street Lighting	\$250	\$223.56	\$26	\$0.00
Other - Streets	\$2,750	\$0.00	\$2,750	\$0.00
Pest Control	\$1,500	\$227.77	\$1,272	\$0.00
Admin. & Dir. Assist.	\$1,500	\$700.00	\$800	\$0.00
Direct Assistance	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
Inter government welfare payments	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
Vendor Payments & Other	\$0	\$800.00	(\$800)	-\$800.00
Interest on Tax Note	\$500	\$0.00	\$500	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$149,500	\$106,248.03	\$43,589.47	\$0.00
<i>Avitar Software (Warrant article 6)</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>	<i>\$5,163.92</i>	<i>\$9,836.08</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Desktop computer (Warrant article 7)</i>	<i>\$1,200.00</i>	<i>\$806.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Deposit to CRF for Roads ⁷	\$500.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Report of the Treasurer

Property Taxes (Year 2008)	937.22
Interest and Costs	573.14
Total 2008:	1,510.36

Property Taxes Year (009) 2	4,173.04
Interest and Costs	1,393.43
Yield Taxes	515.00
Total 2009:	6,081.47

Property Taxes Year (010) 2	2,105.78
Interest and Costs	336.24
Total 2010:	2,442.02

Property Taxes (Year 2011)	73,453.14
Interest and Costs	1,555.98
Total 2011:	75,009.12

Property Taxes (Year 2012)	332,427.01
Yield Taxes	2,970.91
Total 2012:	335,397.92

Property Taxes (Year 2013)	6.00
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Received from the Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits/Transfers	43,839.00
Vital Statistics – State of New Hampshire	44.00
Dog Licenses Issued	316.50
Return of Bad Checks	285.00
Total from Town Clerk:	44,484.50

Received from the Selectmen:

Pistol Permits	70.00
Building Permits	220.00
Hall Rental	25.00
Total from the Selectmen:	315.00

Received from State and Federal Sources:

State of New Hampshire – Highway Block Grant	12,865.00
State of New Hampshire – Rooms and Meals Grant	16,371.78
U.S. Department of the Interior (PILT)	58,448.00
Total from State and Federal Sources:	87,684.78

Operating Account:

Receipts for 2012	579,376.17
Yield Taxes	10,065.58
Bank Interest	169.94
Total Receipts for 2012	589,611.69
Cash on Hand as of 1/1/12	215,204.82
Less Selectmen's Orders for 2012	515,567.03
Year-end Total Cash:	289,249.48

Account 30502 – Yield Account:

Cash on Hand as of 1/1/12	9,781.93
Deposits	
Interest	9.16
Withdrawals	
Year-end Yield Account Balance:	9,791.09

Bank of America – Acct. #1

Cash on Hand as of 1/1/12	112,565.39
Interest	264.92
Yield Account Closed 11/21/12	112,830.31

Select Money Market Account Opened 11/26/12:

Cash on Hand as of 11/26/12	112,830.31
Deposits	13,000.00
Interest	4.95
Withdrawals	13,000.00
Year-end Yield Account Balance:	112,835.26

Respectfully Submitted

Joyce K. Hassell – Treasurer



Payments by the Selectmen

Selectmen:

Salaries	4,245.75
Expenses	292.45
Total:	4,538.20

Financial Administration:

Salaries:	4,057.05
General Office Expenses:	1,937.05
N.H. Recorder of Deeds:	152.35
Notices:	237.80
Town Report:	1,175.50
Total:	7,559.75

Town Hall:

Fairpoint Communications:	436.67
N.H. Electric Co-op:	679.25
General Repairs & Wiring	210.83
Dead River Company	1,570.76
Total:	2,897.51

Cemeteries:

Salaries & Expenses	1,132.20
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Election Expenses:	Total:	1,698.75
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Insurance:

Local Government Center	1,186.80
Local Government Center/Workers' Comp.	500.00
Total:	1,686.80

Regional Associations:

N.H. Assoc. of Tax Collectors:	20.00
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officers	20.00
N.H. Municipal Association	613.27
Total:	653.27

Dispatch Service:	Total:	1,513.00
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Fire Protection:

Twin State Mutual:	1,250.00
Haverhill Corner Fire Co.:	750.00
North Haverhill Fire:	750.00
Total:	2,750.00

Animal Control:

Animal Control Officer Expenses, IDS, St. of N.H.	
Animal Population Control:	227.77

Roads:

Elliott & Sons Construction:	53,613.00
Materials and Supplies	6,053.93
Total:	59,666.93

Town Hall:

Computer:	849.97
Avitar Software & Annual Support (1 year)	4,313.95
Total:	5,163.92

Welfare:

Grafton Co. Senior Citizen Council:	400.00
North Country Council:	335.77
New Hampshire Elec. Co-op:	223.56
Northern Human Services:	400.00
Tri County Community Action:	400.00
North Country Home Health & Hospice:	300.00
Total:	2,059.33

Social Security & Medicare:	Total:	1,090.60
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Assessing:

Purvis & Associates:	452.00
Steve M. Allen:	5,424.00
Total:	5,876.00

Transfer of Funds to C.R.F. for Roads:

(Transfer in January, 2013)	Total:	10,000.00
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Transfer of Funds to Money Mkt. Yield Acct.	Total:	13,000.00
Schools:	Total:	344,439.00
Taxes Bought by Town:	Total:	12,835.00
Taxes Paid by Town:	Total:	46,779.00
Checks Written:	Total:	515,567.03

Selectmen of Benton: John W. Hassell, Jeremy Elliott, Elena Chevalier

Report of Clerk to Treasurer - Benton, New Hampshire

Year End Totals for 2012

Date: 01/07/2013

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued (417):	\$44,342.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (53/0):	\$342.50
Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
Vital Record Searches (4):	\$60.00
Fines/Penalties:	\$0.00
Reimbursed bounced check:	\$285.00
Total Collected by Town Clerk for 2012	\$45,029.50

Motor Vehicles:	\$43,839.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (52/0):	\$316.50
Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
Vital Record Searches (4):	\$44.00
Fines/Penalties:	\$0.00
Reimbursed bounced check:	\$285.00
Total Submitted to the Treasurer for 2012	\$44,484.50

Motor Vehicles:	\$503.00
Dog Licenses Issued and Fines Collected (52/0):	\$26.00
Marriage Licenses Issued (0):	\$0.00
Vital Record Searches (4):	\$16.00
Total Retained by Town Clerk for 2012	\$545.00

Michael Stiebitz

Michael Stiebitz,
Town Clerk

Notes from the Town Clerk

The year 2012 saw an incredible amount of volunteer effort expended at the Town Building and its environs, through the efforts of The Beautify Benton Committee (hereafter referred to as “BBC”), as well as the Town officials and other willing volunteers. Thanks to all who pitched in. Many folks have told me that return of the Memory Tree was a welcome sight, and I, too, am glad it came back. The BBC Yearly Report appears elsewhere in this booklet. I especially appreciate the thorough cleaning my office gets once a month! I am an admittedly poor housekeeper.

Anyone traveling past the Town Building lately will have seen the improved view of the Kinsman and Cannon Mountains, afforded by the logging and excavation work done by Joe Boutin and his son on behalf of the landowners, Sam Boutin and Ken Bullard. In addition, Sam and Ken are in the process of donating the land directly behind the Town Building to the Town. Joe and his son donated their time and equipment to grading this area so that the Town may someday vote to erect a shed to store our winter supply of sand and salt there, permitting the cleanup of the front of the building.

This year, Stef Saffo generously donated and hung curtains and valences in each of the windows in the Town building, and supplied small candle lights for the side windows. When one drove past the building on a snowy evening, it looked reminiscent of Currier and Ives. Thank you, Stef.

I’d like to let everyone know that the Town Clerk is able to supply certified copies of any Vital Record such as birth, marriage, and death abstracts. Please call or stop by to request copies.

The Tax Collector wanted me to report the tally of replies to his question about Annual vs. Semiannual tax billings: 52 “Yes” (Semiannual) 30 “No” (Status Quo) and 4 “Didn’t Care”.

One last note on dogs: all owners of dogs over 4 months old must license them each year before April 30th. After May 30th, any license fee which remains unpaid can be increased by \$1.00 per month. Please make every effort this year to get your dogs licensed before April 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Stiebitz

Michael P. Stiebitz,

Town Clerk



End-of-Year Overview - 2013		
2013	Credit	Debit
Prepay for 2013 Taxes	\$6.00	
Interest on 2012 Tax payment	\$0.00	\$0.00

2012	Credit	Debit
Taxes Committed This Year:		\$426,872.00
Yield Taxes		\$2,970.91
2012 Taxes prepaid in 2011	\$0.00	
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$332,427.01	
Yield Taxes	\$2,970.91	
Subtotal	\$335,397.92	
Taxes Uncollected at year's end	\$94,444.99	
Refunds issued	\$0.00	
2012 Totals	\$429,842.91	\$429,842.91

2011	Credit	Debit
Taxes Uncollected at Beginning of 2012		\$87,421.14
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$1,555.98
Redemptions in 2012		\$0.00
Int. & Fees in Lien		\$0.00
Interest & Fees after Lien	\$1,470.42	\$1,470.42
Lien paid before Town bought Liens (principle only)	\$0.00	
Property Taxes	\$73,453.14	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees	\$1,555.98	
Int. & Fees in Lien (Collected)	\$0.00	
Interest & Fees after Lien	\$0.00	
Conversion to Lien (after redemptions, princ. only)	\$12,835.00	
Redemptions	\$150.00	
Abatements Granted	\$983.00	
2011 Totals	\$90,447.54	\$90,447.54

2010	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2012		\$10,586.64
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$336.24
Redemptions	\$2,105.78	
Interest & Fees	\$336.24	
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2012	\$8,480.86	
2010 Totals	\$10,922.88	\$10,922.88

2009	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2012		\$7,234.20
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$1,393.43
2009 Yield Tax	\$162.97	\$562.73
2009 Yield Tax Interest	\$352.03	\$352.03
Redemptions	\$4,173.04	
Interest & Fees	\$1,393.43	
Unredeemed Yield Tax Bal. at end of 2012	\$399.76	
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2012	\$3,061.15	
2009 Totals	\$9,542.38	\$9,542.39

2008	Credit	Debit
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of 2012		\$1,423.77
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Fees		\$573.14
2008 Yield Tax	\$0.00	\$206.22
2008 Yield Tax Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Redemptions	\$937.22	
Interest & Fees	\$573.14	
Unredeemed Yield Tax Bal. at end of 2012	\$206.22	
Unredeemed Lien Bal. at end of 2012	\$486.55	
2008 Totals	\$2,203.13	\$2,203.13

Bounced check repayments & fees	\$175.00
Abatement for Inv. Return	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$433,606.89
Total funds delivered to Treasurer in 2012	\$433,606.89

Schedule of Non-Taxable Property

Name	Map	Lot	Acres RSA 75:1	Land RSA 75:1
Dept. of Agr. US Forest Serv	WMNF		24,041.3	\$21,359,307
State of NH Forest Div.	6	7	401.0	\$335,000
State of NH Glencliff Home	6	7	107.0	\$239,000
State of NH Glencliff Home	6	3	0.5	\$21,500
Town of Benton Crowther Lot	2	52	0.3	\$18,000
Town of Benton Mt. View Cmty	1	113	0.9	\$2,300
Town of Benton Mt. View Cmty	1	114	1.3	\$25,700
Town of Benton High St. Cmty	6	4	0.6	\$1,400
Town of Benton East Cmty	1	29	0.3	\$800
Town of Benton Comm. Bldg.	1	18	0.2	\$27,000
Town of Benton Old Town Hall Lot.	1	126	0.05	\$15,500
N. Benton Union Society	1	32	0.7	\$22,000
Benton Bible Chapel	1	49	1.4	\$36,000
Benton Bible Chapel Parsonage	1	58	1.7	\$36,800
Total of Non-Taxable Property			24,557.2	\$21,359,307

Summary of Inventory Valuation

Summary of Inventory Valuation		
Land, Improved and Unimproved	Acres	Value
Under Current Use (Incl. Conservation Restriction)	5,139.93	\$274,622.00
Residential Land (Incl. Commercial)	2,065.62	\$9,684,500.00
Total Taxable Land	14,411.1	\$9,982,922.00
Tax Exempt Land	24,557.12	\$22,073,900.00
Tax Exempt Buildings		\$8,638,200.00
Housing		
Residential (Incl. Commercial)		\$15,293,100.00
Manufactured Housing (per RSA 674.31)		\$1,197,000.00
Total Taxable Buildings		\$16,490,100.00
Public Utilities		\$722,866.00
Total Assessments		\$27,245,880.00
Less Elderly Exemptions		-\$15,000.00
Less Public Utilities		-\$772,866.00
Final Total of Inventory Valuation (at full tax rate)		\$26,458,022.00
State Education Tax (per thousand)		\$2.52
Local Education Tax (per thousand)		\$11.55
County Tax (per thousand)		\$1.71
Town Tax (per thousand)		\$0.06
Total Amount to be Raised		\$429,733.00

Annual Town Meeting Warrant - 2012

Town of Benton

Grafton S.S.

March 13, 2012

The annual Benton Town Meeting was opened at 7:10PM by the Moderator, Gil Richardson. A motion was then made to adjourn to the School District meeting. The motion was seconded, and by voice vote, the Town Meeting was adjourned to the School District meeting. The Town Meeting was reconvened at 7:35PM.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Collector, Ballot Clerk, Ballot Inspector, Sexton, an Assistant to the Sexton, an Assistant to the Selectman and a Surveyor of Wood and Lumber for a term of one year, a Supervisor of the Checklist, a Selectman and a Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three years, a member of the Planning Board for a term of 5 years and any other agents or officers necessary for the ensuing year.

The following Town Officers were elected after a voice vote:

Town Clerk	1 Yr. Term	Michael P. Stiebitz
Treasurer	1 Yr. Term	Joyce K. Hassell
Tax Collector	1 Yr. Term	Michael P. Stiebitz
Auditor	1 Yr. Term	Robert Steel
Ballot Clerk	1 Yr. Term	Aaron Goodwin
Ballot Inspector	1 Yr. Term	Maxine Tyler
Sexton	1 Yr. Term	Aaron Goodwin
Sexton Assistant	1 Yr. Term	Vacant
Selectmen's Assistant	1 Yr. Term	Selectmen Deferred
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	1 Yr. Term	Joseph N. Boutin Jr.
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 Yr. Term	Stephanie Saffo
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 Yr. Term	Mark Elliott
Selectman	3 Yr. Term	Elena Chevalier
Member of the Planning Board	5 Yr. Term	Richard Saffo Sr.
Other Agents as Required		None

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed. The Selectmen recommended this article.

Motion made to accept, seconded and discussion ensued. Jeremy Elliot stood and told the audience how much the Selectmen had appreciated Dick Dickenson's contributions over the last year in his capacity of Selectmen's Assistant. Dick had taken care of the many filing chores as well as taking meeting notes.

Jeremy also thanked Earl Tempelmeyer for stepping up to the Chairman of the Selectmen position at a time of transition from the (essentially) hand-written, ledger-based system that Marjorie Robitzer had been so successfully using for 24 years, to a computer-based system, more compatible with the State's increasing data demands on the Town. Jeremy was confident that the incoming Select board will be able to continue on with Earl's system, but hoped that Earl would be available for consultation, should the need arise. Earl, of course, said "Yes."

Mike Stiebitz then thanked Dick Dickenson in his Treasurer capacity for the excellent support he has received over the past 8 years. Dick was always there to lend a hand to figure out discrepancies between Town Clerk/Tax Collector balances and the General Fund balance. Dick has always gone above and beyond in providing the documentation to assist in straightening out any issues.

The article was then passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$134,500 for General Municipal Operations.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and passed on a voice vote. Laura noted that there is \$30K in the fund presently.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$100 to the existing Benton Fire Trust Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from Unreserved Fund balance. Selectmen recommended this article. Majority vote is necessary to pass.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and discussion ensued. John Hassell reiterated the point from last year that Trust Fund balances must show yearly activity or the State will force the remaining balance to be redeposited in the General Fund. The article was then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$15,000 for the purchase of Avitar accounting software. Software will allow direct interface with the State accounting and automated generation of routine reports. The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and discussion ensued. John Hassell explained that the software to be purchased includes the Assessing and Tax Collect packages only. Purchase of a third package, Motor Vehicle/MAAP Certification, which would allow the Town Clerk to issue license plates and stickers, will be evaluated after the first two packages are up and running.

The current assessing software, Briteside, is beyond its useful life, exists on only one computer (not in the Town's control), and there is no technical support. The Avitar software is in use in over 150 NH towns, has 24-7 tech support, and comes with a 3-year support agreement. Basic data conversion from the Briteside data into Avitar will be provided, although building layouts and pictures will have to be added later at the Town's expense. Since a Town-wide revaluation will be taking place in 2013, this is the right time to get the new system up and running so the Assessors, Selectmen, and Tax Collector can become familiar with it. John did point out that in 2015; there will need to be a warrant article to fund ongoing tech support which is estimated to be between \$900-\$1200 per year. He reassured the audience that the software will not suddenly stop running, only that the State forms which the system prints out typically change from year to year and these will not get updated in the system without an ongoing maintenance contract.

The article then passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200 for purchase of a new computer, printer, and associated software to support routine Town business and running the Avitar software.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and discussion ensued.

John Hassell explained that the current computer used by the Selectmen was donated to the Town by Sam Boutin (Thank you!) but is inadequate to support the new Avitar software. He has looked at various models and has tentatively settled on an “all-in-one” unit, where the monitor contains the CPU and hard drive.

The article was then passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to increase the annual salary of the Tax Collector to \$1,500.00.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and then passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to increase the annual salary of the Town Clerk to \$1,500.00.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and then passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Disabled Exemption in accordance with RSA 72:37-b, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows:

Age 65 years up to 75 years: \$5,000.00
Age 75 years up to 80 years: \$5,000.00
Age 80 years and older: \$5,000.00

To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire state resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years.

In addition, the taxpayer must have an annual income of not more than \$13,400.00, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$20,400.00, and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00 excluding the value of the person’s residence or, if married, combined net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00, excluding the value of the residence.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and discussion ensued. John Elliott was concerned that this was modifying the “Elderly Exemption” which was instituted many years ago. The Selectmen pointed out that this is an entirely different exemption and in no way affected the “Elderly Exemption”. Another person wondered if the “Elderly” and “Disabled” exemptions could be

“piggybacked”, that is applied for by the same, qualified taxpayer. The Selectmen did not know the answer but promised to find out.

The article was then passed by voice vote.

Open Discussion Topics (from Page 4 of the 2012 Town Report)

1. The question has been raised whether the residents of the Town would prefer to pay their tax assessments semi-annually rather than annually. This may make things easier for some residents and will certainly help manage the Town’s budget and cash flow. What is your opinion?

Maxine Tyler stated that during her tenure as Tax Collector, this subject was brought up. She pointed out that during the first year of implementation, a taxpayer ends up coming up with last year’s taxes by January 1st, then needs to have ½ of that sum ready by July first. That was the only real downside in her mind. Quite a few other folks spoke up, mostly against the idea. The Selectmen pointed out that we have to stretch that January 1st income all (school) year to try and make the payments, and that having the infusion of cash in July might help. John Elliott stated that in his tenure as Selectman, they had used a bridge loan from the bank to take care of any shortfall to the school, and that the interest the banks charge is less than the interest that the late taxpayers are assessed, so the Town should make out.

Finally, Jeremy capped the discussion by saying that the Selectmen would try to gauge the sentiment of the remaining voters during the year and would make a decision next fall as to whether or not to put the question on the warrant. He allowed that, based upon the luke-warm reception the issue got at this forum, he doubted that it would make it to the warrant.

2. Sometime ago, the Town considered either painting the Town Hall building or installing siding. Do the residents want to do this? If so, what suggestions are there to raise money for the project?

There was little discussion about this. Perhaps some concerned citizens will petition for a warrant article for 2013.

As all of the scheduled business had been attended to, a motion was made to adjourn the Town Meeting, it was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned on a voice vote. Afterwards, all of the newly elected officials and agents present were sworn in by the Moderator, Gil Richardson.

A True Copy – Attest

Town Clerk of Benton

Michael P. Stiebitz _____

Vital Statistics for 2012

Benton, NH

Deaths

Died

Valerie Burkett	(Glencliff Home)	01/10/2012
Phyllis Morrisette	(Glencliff Home)	01/16/2012
George Bertrand-Charron	(Glencliff Home)	05/09/2012
Kenneth Jordan	(Glencliff Home)	05/17/2012
Susanne Newell	(Glencliff Home)	05/30/2012
Helen Kasper	(Glencliff Home)	06/29/2012
Dorothy Fortier	(Glencliff Home)	07/28/2012
Richard Miller	(Glencliff Home)	11/06/2012
Robert Adams	(Glencliff Home)	12/24/2012
Margaret Morrison	(Glencliff Home)	12/28/2012

Marriages

Births

May 17, 2012	Madison Rene Villeneuve, daughter of Larissa Sandvil, in Littleton, NH
September 13, 2012	Sydney Anne Harris, daughter of Kristina & Richard Harris, in Littleton, NH
October 15, 2012	Aubrey Janice McDanolds, daughter of Andrea & Philip McDanolds in Woodsville, NH
December 19, 2012	Destiny Nicole Garrett, daughter of Meaghan Gregory & Walter Garrett Jr., in Woodsville, NH

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

Funds donated to the Town of Benton are in the custody of the Trustees. Donations are distributed as specified by the donors. Funds received during the year are deposited in a savings account until they can be transferred into the appropriate financial tool. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, NH holds all funds.

Year 2012 Donations – Cemetery Trust - None

Status of the Funds is as follows:

Trust Fund Savings	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617453	\$ 1,522.12
Cemetery/Common Trust Fund	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 662141	\$12,888.33
Capital Reserve Fund - Highways/Roads	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 655898	\$40,074.59
Capital Reserve Fund – Fires	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 617456	\$ 4,721.99
Revaluation Trust Fund	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings #655901	\$ 3,030.51
Expendable Trust – Schools	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings # 659291	\$69,903.51

TOTAL HELD IN TRUST

BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND = \$132,141.05

Distributions of Interest at the end of 2012 from the Cemetery/Common Trust Fund

For cemetery use	\$ 12.69
For the schools	\$ 2.68
For the highway account	\$ 2.42
Total	17.79

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Trust Fund
Laura Richardson
Martin Noble
Mark Elliott

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Alexandria Noble, CHAIR	Term Expires 2014
Lara Saffo	Term Expires 2015
Wayne Chevalier	Term Expires 2013

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Gilbert Richardson.....	Moderator
Maxine Tyler.....	Treasurer
Lyn Bandy.....	Auditor
Michael Stiebitz.....	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 12th day of March 2013, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2016.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$653,122.00)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the school district vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed in any fiscal year 2.5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA198:4-b. II. Such fund balance retained can only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergency expenditures and over-expenditures under RSA 32:11 which are approved by the Department of Education. (The school board recommends this article)

Explanation: Historically towns have been allowed to retain a percentage of their unassigned fund balance at year end for this purpose. School districts were not allowed to do that until this new revision in the law. With one-time voter authority, school boards will be able to determine at the end of each year whether to return all of any remaining fund balance or to keep 2.5% of the year's net assessment to use as stated above. The allowable amount year ending June 30, 2013 = \$9,533

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this ____ day of February, 2013

A True Copy of Warrant – Attest:

Alexandria Noble, Chairman

Wayne Chevalier

Lara Saffo

BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2012

SCHOOL WARRANT MINUTES

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 13, 2012

The meeting opened at 7:11 PM.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Gilbert W. Richardson

ARTICLE 2:

To choose a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

Michael P. Stiebitz

ARTICLE 3:

To choose one School Board Member for a term of three years to expire in 2015.

Lara Saffo

ARTICLE 4:

To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Maxine Tyler

ARTICLE 5:

To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Robert Steel

ARTICLE 6:

To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion to accept, seconded and discussion ensued.

Bruce Labs stated that part of the work going on right now is focused on gearing the younger students (Grade 2) toward high level (Grade 4) math and science as required by the “Common Core” curriculum requirements passed by the legislature in 2011. 44 other states are currently part of this initiative. He believes that Kindergarten has had a positive effect on giving those kids a push in these areas.

Article then passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 7:

To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The school board recommends \$573,815.00)

Motion to accept, seconded and discussion ensued.

One resident questioned where the 5% increase came from. Bruce explained that it had to do with the mix of “Special Needs” vs. “Regular Needs” (Town Clerk’s words) kids. There are current approximately 33 Benton kids enrolled, with 6 of them classified as “Special Needs”. The amount of money needed for each child is determined by the particular services which they require, including transportation.

Article then passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars to be added to the previously established Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2012. (The school board recommends this article.)

Motion to accept, seconded and discussion ensued.

Ali Noble stated that the school fund balance is currently \$54,754.00. The \$15,000 requested in this article will not be raised by additional taxes; it will just be rolled over into the Trust Fund if there is any School Fund balance remaining at the end of the school year. She also stated that a public hearing would have to be held in order to release funds from the Trust Fund.

Article then passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion to accept, seconded, the article then passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM. All new officers present were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy

Attest:

Michael P. Stiebitz

Michael P. Stiebitz
Benton School District Clerk
Benton, New Hampshire

Appendix A - Annual Report of the Benton School District

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Once again I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak to the taxpayers of Benton.

We find ourselves in a time of transition as we move toward the adoption of the K-12 Common Core Standards. These new standards have been adopted by all but two of the states. They have been adopted to provide uniform, rigorous, and clear standards to build on learning. There is a beneficial aspect to this having almost all of the states participating in the same standards; students' progress can be measured the same across the country. Our students will be tested using the common core standards beginning in 2014. We are currently in the process of converting our curriculum in each classroom to be prepared for the test. We anticipate that we will be fully using the new standards in all classrooms in the 2013-14 school year.

We continue to work with our students to build skills by allowing them additional time in both language arts and in Math, especially for those students who are below grade level. We will continue to offer after school programs for those students who need extra help with homework and for those in need of a better understanding of new materials being used during regular class time. We realize that it is the expectation of the public that our schools will get better each year and because of this we approach our work taking small steps in each year in an effort to reach and maintain expectations while proposing a sound budget.

We are also trying to provide a quality program for our children at the pre-school level. We have encouraged literacy and numeracy at the pre-school level to help children be more prepared for when they enter Kindergarten. The Ready for Kindergarten Program helps us with this by reaching out to those children at home who do not have the advantage of attending the preschool programs available.

One item on the Haverhill Cooperative Warrant for this year's District Meeting is the addition of a foreign language teacher at the middle school. As educators we feel exposing our students a second language while they are young, when learning is most effective, would benefit them greatly.

There are safety improvements to be made at Woodsville High School that the Haverhill voters are being asked to approve on this year's warrant. We are in the process of assessing our other building needs for the future, especially at the high school and elementary school.

We intend to upgrade all of our school websites for more ease of use and to better inform the public on what is happening in our schools.

I want to once again thank all of the voters and taxpayers for their continued support of the students in our communities. It continues to be an honor to serve the schools in SAU #23. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the operations of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs

Superintendent of Schools

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARIES**

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2012-2013 school year will receive a salary of \$102,596. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator at SAU #23 at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary		
Bath	\$12,866	12.54%
Benton	\$2,278	2.22%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$65,256	64.58%
Piermont	\$11,009	10.73%
Warren	\$10,188	9.93%
TOTAL	\$102,596	100%

**HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TEACHER QUALITY REPORT FALL 2012**

Faculty and Administration Education Level				
Position	Education			
	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+30
WES Teachers	5.6	12.5	2	1.9
WES Administration			1	
HCMS Teachers	5.5	5.7	9.5	4.6
HCMS Administration			1	1
WHS Teachers	5	12.8	6.5	2
WHS Administration			1	1

Teachers with Provisional (Intern) Certification	
Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	0
Woodsville High School	0

Number of Core Academic Courses Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	
Woodsville Elementary School	0
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	0
Woodsville High School	1

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or Legal guardian, you have the right to know:

1. Who is teaching your child;
2. The qualifications and experience of your child's teacher(s).

For information concerning your child's teacher(s), please contact the Superintendent's Office
at:
SAU #23

2975 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774
603-787-2113

A copy of the Haverhill Cooperative School District Title One
Report Card is available at each school

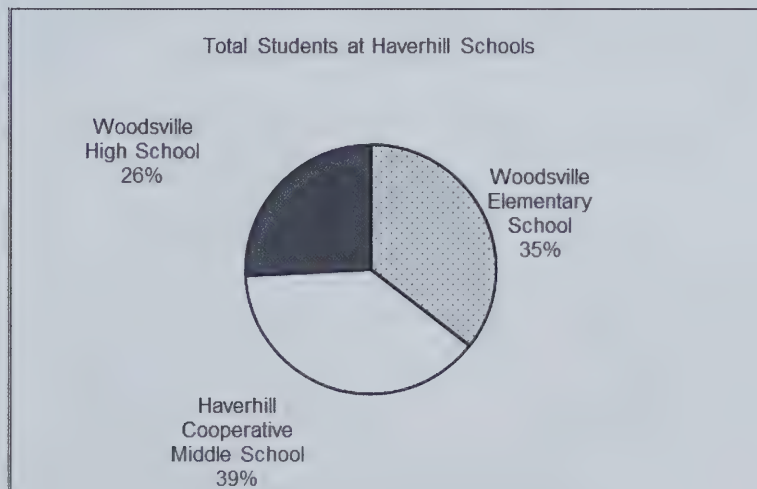
REPORT OF THE BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

Cash on Hand, July 1, 2010	\$ 19,932.59
Total Revenues Received	654,085.39
Total School Board Orders Paid	(632,469.43)
Cash on Hand June 30, 2011	\$ 41,548.55

Maxine Tyler, School District Treasurer

Benton School District Tuition Students 2011-2012		
School	Total Students	Total Tuition Costs Per School
Woodsville Elementary School	11	\$117,278.10
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	12	\$144,140.96
Woodsville High School	8	\$88,085.76
SUBTOTAL	31	\$349,504.82
King Street School	1	\$18,926.00
TOTAL	32	\$368,430.82



BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET			
	ACCT	Fund 10 General	Fund 70 Trust Funds
Current Assets			
Cash	100	\$41,548.55	
Investments	110		\$54,864.70
Intergovernmental Receivables	140	\$3,267.23	
Other Receivables	150		
Prepaid Expenses	180		
Other Current Assets	190		
Total Current Assets		\$44,815.78	\$54,864.70
Liability & Equity Fund			
Current Liabilities			
Intergovernmental Payables	410		
Other Payables	420	\$2,427.10	
Accrued Expenses	460		
Payroll Deductions	470		
Deferred Revenues	480		
Other Current Liabilities	490		
Total Current Liabilities		\$2,427.10	
Fund Equity			
Committed			
Reserve for Amounts Voted	755	\$15,000.00	
Reserve for Encumbrances (non-lapsing)	753		
Assigned			
Reserved for Special Purposes	760		\$54,864.70
Unassigned Fund Balance	770	\$27,388.68	
Total Fund Equity		\$42,388.68	\$54,864.70
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		\$44,815.78	\$54,864.70

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32.11-a			
Special Education Expenses			
REF	Type	2010-2011	2011-2012
1200/1230	Special Programs	\$81,213	\$80,498
1430	Summer School	\$4,434	\$717
2150	Speech and Audiology	\$0	\$0
2162	Physical Therapy	\$2,258	\$2,099
2163	Occupational Therapy	\$3,940	\$5,464
2722	Special Transportation	\$14,840	\$947
	Total Expenses	\$106,684	\$89,725
Special Education Revenue			
3110	SPED portion of the State Adequacy	\$5,401	\$5,401
3230	Catastrophic Aid	\$0	\$0
s4580	Medicaid	\$20,391	\$16,144
	Total Revenues	\$25,792	\$21,545
	District Cost for Special Education	\$80,892	\$68,180
IDEA Entitlement Funds through SAU23			
	Part A - Preschool	\$486	\$0
	Part B – Special Education	\$2,645	\$2,645

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT - REVENUES				
Reference	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	+/-
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$23,935	\$27,389		
Local				
1111 Local Education Tax	\$300,003	\$314,609	\$423,044	\$108,435
1510 Interest	\$25			
1400 Transportation Fees				
1980 Refund from Prior Year				
5252 Transfer from Expendable Trust				
State				
3111 State Adequacy Grant	\$120,189	\$120,189	\$118,118	(\$2,071)
3112 State Adequacy Tax	\$62,436	\$66,730	\$68,617	\$1,887
3230 Catastrophic Aid				
3241 Vocational Education Tuition	\$2,109	\$7,841	\$6,286	(\$1,555)
3242 Vocational Transportation	\$128	\$571	\$571	
Federal				
4580 Medicaid Reimbursement	\$16,144	\$19,700	\$19,700	
4590 Education Jobs Funding	\$3,858			
4810 National Forest Reserve	\$16,786	\$16,786	\$16,786	
SUBTOTAL	\$545,613	\$573,815	\$653,122	\$79,307
Transfer to Expendable Trust		\$15,000		
TOTAL BUDGET AND ARTICLES	\$545,613	\$588,815	\$653,122	\$64,307

SCHOOL TAX RATE						
	Actual	Actual	Projected		Current	
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014		Valuation	
Local property tax rate	\$11.06	\$11.55	\$15.54	\$4.48	\$27,231	Per \$1K
State property tax rate	\$2.37	\$2.52	\$2.59	\$0.22	\$26,458	Per \$1K
Total School Tax Rate	\$13.43	\$14.07	\$18.13			

Benton School District Proposed Budget

Account	Description	2011-2012 Expenses	2012-2013 Budget	2013-2014 Proposed Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
10.6 1100.561	Regular Tuition	\$351,684	\$386,854	\$4363,164	\$76,310
10.6 1200.300	SPED Professional Services	\$1,544	\$400	\$860	\$460
10.6 1200.561	SPED Tuition	\$59,273	\$73,250	\$84,626	\$11,376
10.6 1200.562	SPED Tuition – Out of State	\$755	\$0	\$950	\$950
10.6 1230.564	French Pond Tuition	\$0	\$10,078	\$0	(\$10,078)
10.6 1231.564	King Street Tuition	\$18,926	\$20,155	\$21,163	\$1,008
10.6 1300.562	Riverbend Tuition	\$14,666	\$15,106	\$7,194	(\$7912)
10.6 1430.561	Sumer School Tuition - LEA	\$717	\$1,830	\$2,050	\$220
10.6 1430.564	Summer School Tuition - Private	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
10.6 2150.330	Speech	\$0	\$240	\$0	(\$240)
10.6 2162.330	Physical Therapy	\$2,099	\$2,907	\$6,507	\$3,600
10.6 2163.330	Occupational Therapy	\$5,464	\$7,695	\$4,836	(\$2,859)
10.6 2133.111	Board Salaries	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0
10.6 2311.220	Board Payroll Taxes	\$46	\$46	\$46	\$0
10.6 2311.260	Workers' Comp	\$236	\$238	\$251	\$13
10.6 2311.520	Liability Insurance	\$2,852	\$2,850	\$2,990	\$140
10.6 2311.540	Advertising	\$48	\$180	\$179	(\$1)
10.6 2311.640	Books	\$0	\$0	\$20	\$20
10.6 2311.801	Dues and Fees	\$868	\$900	\$900	\$0
10.6 2311.111	Treasurer Salaries	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
10.6 2313.220	Treasurer Payroll Taxes\$15	\$15	\$17	\$18	\$1
10.6 2313.260	Worker's Comp	\$79	\$79	\$83	\$4
10.6 2313.534	Postage	\$11	\$31	\$31	\$0
10.6 2313.610	Supplies	\$6	\$21	\$21	\$0
10.6 2314.111	District Meeting Salaries	\$62	\$63	\$61	-\$2
10.6 2314.220	District Meeting Payroll Taxes	\$5	\$6	\$5	-\$1
10.6 2314.260	Workers' Comp	\$25	\$25	\$26	\$0
10.6 2317.111	Audit Salaries	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
10.6 2318.220	Audit Payroll Taxes	\$4	\$4	\$5	\$0
10.6 2318.330	Legal Fees	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0
10.6 2321.310	SAU Management Services	\$16,261	\$17,962	\$17,638	(\$324)
10.6 2721.510	Regular Transportation	\$25,015	\$25,376	\$26,993	\$1,617
10.6 2722.510	Special Transportation	\$947	\$4,200	\$8,805	\$4,605
10.6 2723.510	Riverbend Transportation	\$768	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$400
10.6 5252.930	Transfer to Trust Fund	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	(\$15,000)
	TOTALS	\$503,225	\$588,815	\$653,122	\$64,307

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 APPROVED BUDGET - SUMMARY

Department Number/Description	2012 – 2013 Approved Budget	2013 – 2014 Approved Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
1100 Itinerant Teachers	\$190,423	\$199,104	\$8,681
1230 French Pond Program	\$233,815	\$250,448	\$16,633
1231 King Street Program	\$229,526	\$240,253	\$10,727
1430 Summer School	\$12,000	\$12,497	\$497
2120 Itinerant Guidance	\$30,059	\$32,171	\$2,112
2140 Psychological Guidance	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
2150 Speech/Language	\$275,029	\$283,692	\$8,663
2162 Physical Therapy	\$30,300	\$43,350	\$13,050
2163 Occupational Therapy	\$95,000	\$111,100	\$16,100
2212 Curriculum Development	\$595	\$366	(\$299)
2213 Staff Development	\$450	\$200	(\$250)
2220 Technology Supervision	\$57,327	\$46,277	(\$11,050)
2311 School Board	\$6,631	\$6,479	(\$152)
2313 District Treasurer	\$2,680	\$2,677	(\$3)
2317 Audit	\$6,075	\$6,075	\$0
2318 Legal Counsel	\$800	\$800	\$0
2321 Office of the Superintendent	\$534,401	\$559,815	\$25,414
2330 Special Programs Admin.	\$171,059	\$176,628	\$5,119
2334 504 Coordinator	\$0	\$4,592	\$4,592
2540 SAU-Wide Public Relations	\$740	\$740	\$0
2620 Building and Rent	\$30,00	\$36,115	\$6,115
2640 Equipment Rental Maintenance	\$1,850	\$6,473	\$4,623
2810 Research, Planning, Development	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0
2820 Computer Network	\$25,450	\$27,353	\$1,903
2832 Recruitment Advertising	\$600	\$1,000	\$400
2835 Staff Physicals	\$150	\$150	\$0
Subtotal General Fund	\$1,937,510	\$2,070,455	\$132,945
IDEA Special Education Grants	\$277,858	\$275,859	(\$1,999)
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,215,368	\$2,346,314	\$130,946

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES

Acct	Local Revenue Other Than Assessment	Budget 2012 – 2013	Budget 2013 - 2014	+/-
1320	Tuition – French Pond	\$120,930	\$139,415	\$18,485
1321	Tuition – King Street School	\$241,860	\$266,393	\$24,533
1325	Tuition – Summer School	\$12,000	\$12,497	\$497
1950	Itinerants – Art, Music, Phys. Ed., Tech.	\$277,809	\$277,552	(\$257)
1951	Speech/Language	\$275,029	\$283,692	\$8,663
1952	Physical Therapy	\$30,300	\$43,350	\$13,050
1953	Occupational Therapy	\$95,000	\$111,100	\$16,100
1510	Interest	\$500	\$100	(\$400)
	Use of Fund Balance	\$75,000	\$127,274	\$52,274
	Total Other Revenue General Fund	\$1,128,428	\$1,261,373	\$132,945
1111	District Assessments	\$809,082	\$809,082	\$0
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET/REVENUES	\$1,937,510	\$2,070,455	\$132,945
	TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 22 GRANTS	\$227,858	\$275,859	(\$1,999)
	TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS	\$2,215,368	\$2,346,314	\$130,946

District Assessment Shares: Shares as determined by NH RSA 194-C.9			
District	2012 - 2013	2013 - 2014	Difference
Bath	\$101,459	\$97,656	(\$3,803)
Benton	\$17,952	\$17,638	(\$324)
Haverhill	\$522,505	\$534,965	\$12,460
Piermont	\$86,814	\$85,439	(\$1,375)
Warren	\$80,342	\$73,384	(\$6,958)
Total District Assessments	\$809,082	\$809,082	\$0

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